

## Message Text

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ACTION NODS-00

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 /001 W  
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FM AMEMBASSY CANBERRA  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 3888

C O N F I D E N T I A L CANBERRA 5843

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FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY HOLBROOKE FROM AMBASSADOR ALSTON

EO 11652: GDS  
TAGS: AFSP AS  
SUBJECT: REDUCTION OF CONSTITUENT POSTS

REF: STATE 187933

1. CLOSING BRISBANE WILL IN MY OPINION CAUSE LESS DAMAGE TO  
THIS EMBASSY AND TO OUR RELATIONS WITH GOA THAN WOULD CLOSING  
PERTH.

2. ALLOW ME TO VOLUNTEER THE OPINION THAT THE PRESIDENT  
IS ON SOUND GROUND HERE. GIVEN THE MANDATE TO REDUCE THE  
COST OF GOVERNMENT AND BASED ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT DOS  
WOULD BE ASKED TO PLAY A ROLE AND REDUCE ITS STAFF IN LINE  
WITH OTHER DEPARTMENTS, CLOSING A CONSTITUENT POST IN  
AUSTRALIA IS VERY MUCH IN ORDER.

3. THE POSSIBILITY OF CLOSING A POST HAD BEEN THE SUBJECT  
OF DISCUSSION, AND I REGRET NOT HAVING INITIATED THE IDEA.

4. WHILE THE SAVINGS WILL BE MINIMAL, I NOW RECOMMEND IN  
THE LIGHT OF PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES THAT THOUGHT BE  
GIVEN TO DISCONTINUING THE CONSULAR AGENCY IN ADELAIDE.

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SUCH ACTION WOULD HAVE MY CONCURRENCE.  
ALSTON

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## Message Attributes

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